

REMARKS

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's determination of patentable subject matter claimed in the application. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims have been amended to recite the subject matter in a form overcoming all of the rejections of record.

The claims were amended as follows:

Limitations of allowable claim 2 were incorporated into claim 1.

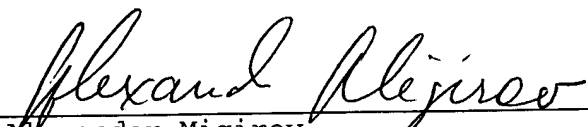
Claims 2, 3, 7-12 and 16 were canceled.

As indicated in the Office Action by the Examiner, claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the limitations of claim 2 were incorporated into claim 1, thereby rendering claim 1 allowable. The remaining claims 4-6 and 13-15 presently depend on the allowable claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that claim 4-6 and 13-15 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and a favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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